



**Ontario Christian  
Gleaners**

# Gleaners

A QUARTERLY UPDATE WITH LATEST NEWS

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### Important Dates:

#### **Closures:**

Thanksgiving Day - Oct. 10  
Remembrance Day - Nov. 11  
Christmas Shutdown  
Dec.26- Jan.8

#### **Volunteering:**

No Drop Ins!  
Monday - Friday  
8:30am - 11:30am  
Register online or Call

(519) 624- 8245

<https://www.ontariogleaners.org/volunteer.html>

# OCTOBER 21

## 12-2pm & 4-7:30pm

# Groundbreaking Event

## This Fundraising Celebration Will Include...



**Fun Activities**



**Delicious Food**



**& The Inside Scoop On Our Future Building!**

We are thrilled to have this expansion, as it provides:

- cooler space for donated produce
- storage for valuable split peas
- racking space for shipments ready to go

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrate this new stepping stone for the Gleaners! Drop Ins are allowed, or you can RSVP using the link provided: <https://fb.me/e/3to4RyCLi>

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# Online Auction Fundraiser

Featuring items & experiences for ALL ages  
**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!**

[fundraiser.bid/ontariochristiangleaners](https://fundraiser.bid/ontariochristiangleaners)

Bidding starts **October 28-November 4** (closes at 9pm)

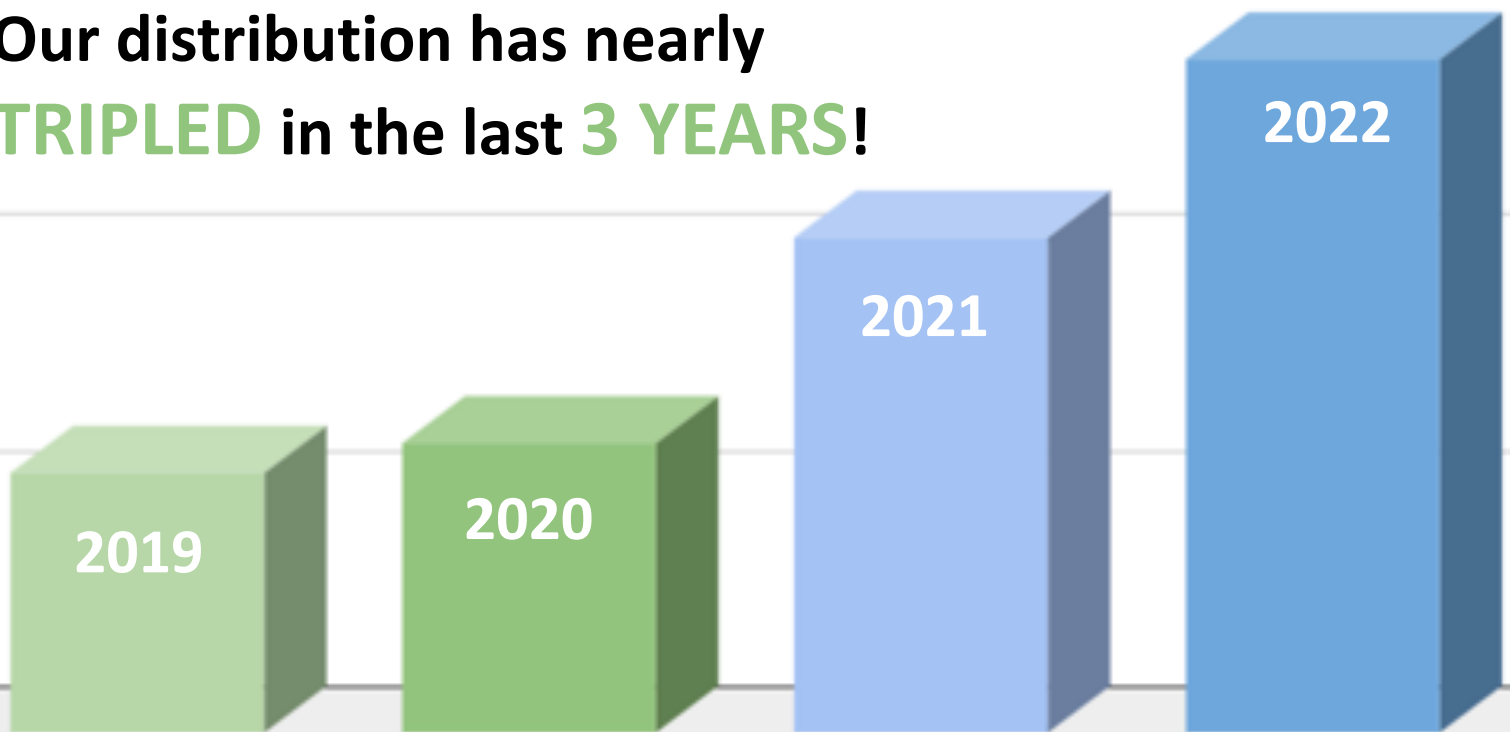


Golf Passes



## DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Our distribution has nearly  
**TRIPLED** in the last **3 YEARS!**



The graph above shows Gleaners the dried food over the course of 3 years from January 1- July 31.

We were absolutely amazed to see the comparison over the years, especially factoring in the influence of COVID through it all.

This massive accomplishment was made possible, thanks to our amazing **volunteers, donors and supporters.**

Our numbers are only increasing from here and we can't express enough our gratitude for God's hand over our ministry.

# Using Surplus Produce to Feed A Hungry World

“Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and all that move in them” Psalm 69:34

Praising God! He continues to bless so abundantly. Truckloads of potatoes, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, broccoli as well as some locally harvested green and yellow beans have been keeping our volunteers and the dryer busy!

We are EXPANDING! with plans to build an addition to our facility providing much needed warehousing space to store and stage shipments ready to ship, to store our valuable split peas and barley and to house a second cooler which will allow us to store potatoes and sweet potatoes at their optimal storage temperature (instead of on the warehouse floor). Please pray for the Gleaners as they continue to move through the steps involved in securing a contractor and for safety during the construction process. We had to postpone our fundraising dinner, but check out our onsite and online fundraisers – details elsewhere in this newsletter – that will support this endeavor.



This summer we had our yearly summer maintenance shutdown at the beginning of July. This provided us with a week of cleaning, repairs and maintenance for the trimming, warehouse and dryer rooms. Windows were sparkling and stainless steel tables were shining. A new piece of equipment – pallet positioner - was added to the warehouse and our warehouse volunteers and their backs are thanking us! We also did some long overdue tile replacement in the breakroom and freshened the room up to look like a café. Our Gleaners merchandise is on display in our 'little store'. We heard lots of 'wows!' the following week as volunteers walked in and just stopped to take it all in. Come join us for a morning and enjoy a time of fellowship in our 'café'. Signup is required. <http://www.ontariogleaners.org/volunteer.html> or give us a call 519.624.8245 and we will sign you up.



We have now sent 3 millions servings of food for Ukraine and there is another shipment of 1 million servings waiting on a sailing date. Other recent shipments have been sent out to Haiti, Venezuela, Philippines, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Join us as we spend our mornings in thankfulness and praise to God serving at the Gleaners.  
“Praise the Lord o my soul; all my inmost being praise His holy name.” Psalm 103:1

## Join Us In Prayer...

- That mission groups shipping our food will be able to secure rail and shipping spaces
- For God's protection on the Gleaners food as it ships around the world
- For blessings on the promotions team as they continue the planning for the fundraising dinner
- That we will continue to see produce in abundance even as many areas of the province struggle with lack of rain
- For financial donations that support us in times of ever increasing costs of packaging supplies, fuel and split peas
- For our building project as it continues to move forward

## Praise & Thankfulness

- For the generosity of the growers and distribution centres that donate fresh or dried products to us
- For the volunteers that come and serve each morning so faithfully
- For Missions reports from around the world
- For the grant to purchase the pallet positioner
- For financial donations that arrive in our mailbox or electronically each week

With Thankfulness,  
Elaine Merkus



Give a little. Help a lot.

# DONATE TODAY



## WHAT

Please consider making a donation that will go directly towards purchasing one of these items.

**\*\* Donations may cover a portion of the value of the item \*\***

All donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt

## WHY

These items will help us in our daily work of processing surplus vegetables and fruit to make nutritious vegetable mixes and fruit snacks **for distribution to needy people in countries around the world.** With produce prices rising and large demand of our food, we are working hard and creatively to meet these requests and your financial support for this is greatly appreciated!

## HOW

Gift cards specifying your donated item are available upon request when making a donation on behalf of a loved one.

Donations can be made by:

- **Cash**
- **Cheque**
- **e-transfer** - [etransfers@OntarioGleaners.org](mailto:etransfers@OntarioGleaners.org)  
*(please note your name, address and item donating towards in the message section)*
- **Credit card** - <https://www.ontariogleaners.org/credit-card-donation.html>

## Feed Hungry Children

<b>\$8</b>	100 servings
<b>\$40</b>	500 servings
<b>\$80</b>	1000 servings

### Peas

Split peas by the metric ton **\$704**  
**(\$50/70 kg)**



**THANK YOU**  
**FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**